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PETRIFIED BRONCHO.

Joined the Great Majority While It Was Asleep.

It. Clay Emmett, a young cowboy from Belton, Tex., reports a singular find made by him during a cattle-hunting round-up in the Pan-Handle country recently, says the Denver Field and Farm. The find was nothing more or less than a petrified pony, standing erect and complete in all its parts. Emmett says that he and his partner, B. C. Woodville, were riding across the prairie late one afternoon when their tired ponies neighed and whinnied as if they were aware of the presence of another animal. Looking around, they discovered what they thought was a broncho tethered to a mesquite which crowned the summit of a little knoll to the northward.

They rode up to the spot and found that the horse was fastened by a chain, but stood so rigidly and seemed altogether so mysterious that their own horses reared and plunged as if in fright. Finally they dismounted and found that the pony was petrified, not a hair or hoof missing. Emmett says that some ranchmen years ago must have chained the poor horse there, leaving it to starve upon the plains. As the ribs of the animal were plainly visible in the petrification and it seemed to have been otherwise much emaciated, this is probably the case. Emmett will arrange to have the strange find exhibited in some museum. It frequently happens that horses fall into the habit of going to sleep while standing, and it must have been under these circumstances that the Pan-Handle broncho departed this life to join the great majority.

STOPPING A TRAIN.

Important Discovery That Has Just Been Made in Europe.

Some important discoveries have just been made in Europe, says the New York Herald. How to stop a train when an accident is impending has long been a problem. Many plans have been suggested, but almost all have been considered faulty for the reason that they call for a quick stoppage. In such a case the shock would be so great that the carriages between the engine and the rear of the train would be smashed to atoms and their occupants crushed to death. Evidently, therefore, a gradual stoppage is imperative.

An admirable plan, which enables a train to slow down gradually, has recently been tested at the railroad station in Dresden. It is extremely simple and has been found to work well. No intricate machinery is required, and the cost must be small. A track is laid, the rails of which sink or slope gradually into a bed of sand. As the train passes over this sand its wheels meet with an ever-increasing resistance, which soon becomes so great that they are obliged to stop. The stoppage, however, is so gradual that there is no rough shock. The greater the swiftness of the train and the heavier the load the more immediate is the stoppage. No damage then is possible either to the train or to the passengers. An experiment which was recently tried with a freight train showed clearly the usefulness of this very practical and simple plan.

PERIWINKLE FAD.

Cockney Shellfish, Delicacy Grown in the Waters of the South.

One of the chief dishes in the cockney bill of fare in England is the periwinkle, a shellfish resembling in shape the small snail, says the New York Journal. It has hitherto been practically unknown to American epicures and is said to be greatly inferior to the species of shellfish eaten in this country.

Of late periwinkles have been offered for sale in a number of stores patronized by the New York colony of cockneys. It is said that all of the periwinkles sold in New York come from New Rochelle. An Englishman living there for his own use. One consignment was much larger than he expected or wanted, and he concluded to try an experiment and see if they could be grown in this country.

He dumped about a bushel in the sand, and, to his surprise and pleasure, they seemed to thrive as well there as in their native English waters. They multiplied rapidly, and he not only found it unnecessary to import any more but had more than he could possibly use. So he has placed them on sale and is deriving a considerable revenue from them.

Useful Member of a Family.

The Portuguese say that no man can be a good husband who does not eat a good breakfast, which leads the Waterbury American to say that this is a mean way of throwing upon the wife all the responsibility for the husband's goodness, for without a good wife there can be no good breakfast for him to eat. That may be right in theory, but it is wrong in practice. We know a man who has cooked breakfast the greater part of the time for the past 15 years for his family. And we violate no confidence when we say it is a good breakfast, too. He is a man who loves good living, and he knows how to prepare a meal with the best of women. Yet he is a workman who puts in from ten to fifteen hours a day of hard work, and the kind of work that is exhausting.

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The bankrupter could not boast some delightfully naive rejoinders. "How, sir, is it possible," angrily demanded the opposing counsel of the bankrupt, "to live in the luxurious style you have affected on \$200 a year?" The witness replied with an air of justifiable pride, that that "was a problem to which he had devoted considerable time in the interests of social economy, and the results of his humble efforts were now before the court."

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National Irrigation Congress.
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A Curiosity, Indeed.
"I don't see anything peculiar about this specimen," said the visitor to the museum as he stepped in front of the last chair.

"Don't you, indeed?" repeated the manager, scornfully. "Let me tell you we can't duplicate him on this continent. He's the young man just learning to ride a bicycle who never talks 'wheel' when he's not riding."—Buffalo Times.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for several months. In speaking of it, Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by all druggists.

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HOW HE GOT HIS ZITHER.

A Missourian Sent Abroad for an Instrument.

A musical instrument dealer tells a good story at the expense of a musical-inclined and wealthy resident of the little Missouri town of Hermann, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some time ago he wanted a fine zither and searched the local market for one that would suit him. The time he spent was of sufficient value to pay for an ordinary instrument, and he did not succeed in getting anything that quite satisfied him. Confident that there was nothing in this country that would answer, he wrote to European dealers, and finally ordered one that he thought would go ahead of anything ever seen in this section.

His friends were all posted and awaited the arrival of the instrument in anxious expectancy. It came a few days ago, and the package was carefully opened in the presence of half a dozen admiring friends. The zither was a beauty, there was no mistaking that, but on a closer examination there was the maker's stamp indelibly placed on the frame, and it read: "Washington, Mo., U. S. A.," a neighboring town of Hermann. The gentleman might have saved \$50, in addition to the express and import charges, and have avoided all the waiting which he had to endure. But he would never have been satisfied.

The zither is an expensive instrument and difficult to manufacture, being very delicate and requiring the best of material and most skillful of workmen. But dealers say it is a fact that the manufacturers of this country make the best ones placed on the market. There are but three factories in this country, one in this state and two in the east. Their instruments are largely sold in Europe, some of them without being branded, and then sent back to this country at prices 100 per cent above what they should be. The ocean trips may improve them, but the Hermann gentleman cannot see just where it comes in.

HUNTERS HIT BY THEIR GAME.

Instances Where Sportsmen Have Received Severe Blows From Birds.

Game killed in full flight has a momentary but long way some times. London Field relates several instances where the birds have hit the sportsman. In one case George Monners was shooting in the woods of Long Island when a grouse, driven by beaters, came flying along fast and high up. He shot at it, and then, with the other barrel, fired at another bird. Just as he was about lowering his gun after the second shot he received a blow on the head that knocked him senseless. The grouse first hit had tumbled against his head.

That same afternoon a wheelman riding along near the line of hunters admiring the scenery did not observe a big black cock till its feathers brushed his head. The black cock had been killed and had nearly hit him in falling. The hunter, who was riding, told how the late Charles Lisle was knocked out at the battery by a grouse he had shot. A strong hit probably saved him from serious injury.

American hunters have had similar experience. A man was riding along in a wagon some time ago, according to Forest and Stream, when something hit him on the head with enough force to make him dizzy. An unwounded partridge diving through the woods had hit him fair. Why the bird did not turn aside is as much a mystery as the fact that partridges sometimes fly against house sides and are killed in so doing.

Cost of a Cardinal's Hat.

The red hat of a cardinal costs him more money than klap pay for any except their very best gowns. Before accepting it the grateful prelate must make offerings to the propaganda and to his titular church at Rome, and give fees to a long list of officials, ranging from chamberlains of the Vatican down to the cooks and sweepers and the soldiers of the Swiss guards. Indeed, the new cardinal has to pay fees at every step from the moment of his elevation to the occasion of his receiving the red hat in public consistory, and when all is over and done flaps himself out of pocket to the extent of \$25,000 at least. The cardinal is without means to defray this cost, and he is ready to reside in Rome, the Vatican is ready to make him a loan to be repaid in installments out of his yearly allowances.

The Sexes in Burma.

The new woman should take her way to Burma. There, travelers say, is the only place on earth where true equality between the sexes exists. In spite of this, it is claimed, no woman is more womanly than the Burmese women, whose good sense enables them to see the line where they ought to stop. In the higher classes a woman has property of her own and manages it herself. In the lower classes she always has a share in the management of her own household. The sexes choose their own operations, and it is curious to see the men sometimes sewing or embroidering, while the women have nearly all the retail trade of the island on their hands.

When a Chinese emperor dies the intelligence is announced by dispatches to the several provinces, written with purple ink, the mourning color. All persons of rank are required to take red silk ornaments from their caps, with the ball or button of each all subjects of a grade below her husband are required to shave their heads for ten days, within which period none may marry, play upon musical instruments or perform any sacrifices.

Mourning Colors in Brazil.

At the funeral of an unmarried woman in Brazil scarlet is the mourning hue. The widow, therefore, the trappings of the home and the liver of the liver must be scarlet.

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ELECTRIC STROKE.

It Affects Workmen as Does Fierce Sun Heat.

One of the most extraordinary modern diseases is a peculiar affection, most aptly termed electric stroke, which not infrequently befalls workmen employed in melting metals by means of electricity. It appears from observations made at the great steel and iron works at Cruzot, says the Boston Journal, that the intense voltage are between the carbon and the metal to be melted emits rays which, even at the distance of ten meters, produce a painful, hot, pricking sensation, like that of a burn, on such uncovered portions of the body as the throat, face, and more especially the forehead.

The skin of the parts affected becomes either copper-colored or assumes a bronze hue; the eyes, in spite of black glasses, are so intensely dazzled as to be useless for some minutes, after which xanthopsia (yellow vision) sets in, everything appearing saffron-colored, the conjunctive are inflamed, and there is a gritty feeling, as of sand under the eyelids. There is frequently great pain, accompanied often by sleeplessness, and in some instances fever.

After a few days these symptoms subside and the skin of the affected parts peels and the patient is restored to health. Now, the remarkable thing about all this is that very little heat is radiated from the electric arc used; all the trouble arises from the light rays, and although it has not yet been experimentally proved, there can be little doubt that the blue and violet—that is, the chemical—rays are to blame.

UNIVERSAL COLLECTING MANIA.

Head of the House at Last Succumb to the Disease.

"For heaven's sake," he cried, relates the Chicago Times-Herald, "I never saw anything like this collecting mania."

"It's a very instructive amusement," "Yes, maybe, but not for me. There's my daughter Agnes, she's collecting buttons and asks me every day to go around to the headquarters to get her some, and I must buy of every street fakir I pass or she doesn't like it. There's my daughter Lucy, she's got over all of my letters and cuts off the monograms, destroying them. I don't like her to do it, but I can't stop it. She says some infernal nonsense about it being 'all the rage.' Then my son Tom is just as bad. He asks me for postage stamps and cuts them off the letters before I read them in the morning. And there are always having something new to collect. Every member of my family is a collector."

"How about your wife?" "Oh, she's worse than any of them. She says she is collecting coins and makes it an excuse for going through my pockets every time. She calls it being a numismatist. I think it should be called kleptomaniac. Just then a man with a bill entered the office. "I am," he began, "a collector for—" "Confound you, then, get," cried the infuriated man; "I am a collector myself. I am trying to collect my senses."

PROVES TO BE A PUG.

Polite Girl Gives Up Her Seat to a Supposedly Baby-Laden Woman.

The in-bound Clark street cable train was crowded. Every seat was taken and many men were compelled to stand when at one of the crossings a lady entered the car bearing in her arms a burden of her special care and attention. Wrapped in a soft warm shawl she carefully carried it, protected and safe from the raw, chilly air. Although restless and moving its tiny head from side to side, she watchfully bent the shawl over its head. She walked to the center of the car, and, seeing no vacant seat, took one of the straps. The men kept industriously reading their papers, says the Chicago Chronicle.

"These gentlemen can keep their seats," said a young woman as she arose and proffered her seat to the woman with the burden. The car gave a sudden lurch forward as the woman accepted the offered seat with a "Thank you." The shawl became loosened, and, eluding her grasp, the little object freed itself from the folds.

The men flattered and the polite young woman, looking around for the cause of the uninvited mirth, beheld on the woman's lap, not a baby as she supposed, but a very frisky and bright-eyed pug dog.

WHAT TO SAY.

A List of Remarks to Make About the New Baby.

One is always expected to say something when looking for the first time on a new baby, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, and it is neither kind nor safe to tell the truth and say that the little red, podgy creature doesn't look like anything, we give a list of unpatented and uncopyrighted remarks to be used on such occasions:

"Isn't he sweet? He looks like you!" "I think he's going to look like his father!" "Hasn't he dear little fingers? Do let me see his dear little toes?" "Isn't he large?" "Isn't he a tiny darling?" "How bright he seems!" "Did you ever see such a sweet little mouth?" "Isn't he just too sweet for anything?" "The dear little darling! I never saw so young a baby look so intelligent!" "Yes, please, let me hold him just a minute!"

Any and all of these remarks are warranted to give satisfaction, just as they have been giving satisfaction from time immemorial until the present day.

Original Languages of Europe.

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